



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 25th May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We couldn't be prouder of our Year 2 and Year 6 children and how they have approached their end of key stage assessments over the last few weeks. They had superb attitudes and tried their best which is all we can ask. The assessments give us information about the children's strengths and areas we still need to work on however our curriculum focuses on developing the whole child. This is just one piece of information as we know they have so many talents. Well done!

Good luck to our Year 4 children who will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check in the weeks following our return from the half term break. The children have made so much progress this year and Mrs Green is so excited to see how well the children are going to do.

Thank you to the FOSB who subsidised the Year 6 children with their hoodies. The children are so proud to be wearing them and they are such special keepsakes as they move on to secondary school. As we approach the final months of childrens' time with us, we know that they will continue to set a fantastic example to the rest of the school and fully embrace every upcoming opportunity.

If you recall, as part of our Easter traditions, the children took part in Lenten fundraising for charity. We collected £500 for CAFOD, £150 for Nugent Care and £150 for HCPT who offer pilgrimages to Lourdes. Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped us raise money for these worthy causes.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing everyone back safely on Monday 5th June 2023 for the final term of the school year.

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COLOUR DAY! Reminder

Here is a reminder that, on Friday 9th June, we would love the children to come dressed in their house colour.

This could be a full outfit; piece of clothing like a jumper/t-shirt or just an accessory.

Below are our house team colours:

Matthew—BLUE

Mark—RED

Luke—GREEN

John—PURPLE

On this day, the children would like to work in their houses and use this time to learn about the four Evangelists the teams are named after.

If your child is unsure of their house, please ask their class teacher or the school office and we will be more than happy to find out.

May Procession

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, last Friday, Year 1 led our annual May Procession and the whole school crowned a statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers. It was a reverent and moving act of worship.

Thank you to parents and pupils for the beautiful flowers you brought in honour of Our Lady.



Year 3 Pentecost

The children in Year 3 will celebrate the birthday of the Church in their Pentecost worship tomorrow morning at 9:10am. All parents and family members of Year 3 are invited to join us.



This year Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday 28th May 2023 and if you would like to attend Mass, please see below for the current Mass times:

Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's - Saturday 4:45 pm

St. Marie's – Saturday 6:15 pm

Sunday Morning

St. Bernadette's - Sunday 9:30 am

St. Marie's - Sunday 11:00 am

Laudato Si' Week ~ 21st -28th May 2023

This week, we celebrated Pope Francis' Letter to the world 'Laudato Si' both in our whole school worship and also on our educational visits.

[Laudato Si' animation | CAFOD - YouTube](#)

The children have been thinking about how they can be better stewards of our common home: planet earth. In his letter, Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. Take a look at the very important work linked to our geography curriculum that we have been doing over the last two weeks:

Earlier this week, Year 4 completed many practical fieldwork tasks at [Ainsdale Beach](#). They were introduced to fieldwork skills such as drawing field sketches of the landscape and analysing the various coastal defences that protect the beach.

Year 5 visited [Ashurst Beacon](#) yesterday where they joined a Countryside Ranger who taught the children how to survive in the wild without having a negative impact on the environment.

The Year 6 children spent last week on their residential at Brathay [in the Lake District](#). They took part in a range of different activities, many of them new to the children. All the staff were blown away with their impeccable behaviour and so proud with how the children developed many skills, including courage, resilience and determination. Thank you to all the St. Bernadette's staff who accompanied the children – it couldn't have happened without you! Year 6 will be completing the 'John Muir Award' next term which is an environmental award scheme focusing on conservation.

Wigan and Leigh Hospice



Wigan & Leigh Hospice

Wigan and Leigh Hospice is marking 40 years of care and its visionary, Dr Surman, was from our very own Shevington surgery!

It is a charity which provides care and support to people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

Mrs Gill Rigby, a kind grandparent of school who is in her 30th year of volunteering for the charity, has teamed up with a parent, Anthony Crowder, to raise money for Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

This Saturday 27th May, Anthony will be running a 100 mile ultra marathon and has been given a maximum time of 32 hours to complete it! Please support this amazing charity and Anthony by donating as much as you can.

[Anthony Crowder is fundraising for Wigan and Leigh Hospice \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com)

A huge thank you for caring and showing your support.

Career Networking Event

Today, Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a Career Networking Event in school. Past pupils in Year 10 from St. Peters High School visited us and spoke to the children about their GCSE options and gave them an awareness of different careers available. Thank you to all the past pupils and staff as it gave our children a real insight to life beyond St. Bernadette's.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below for the second half of the summer term 2023. Please sign up using Parent Pay. It will be on a 'first come, first served' basis and places will be available to book from Friday 26th May at midday.

We provide extra-curricular clubs on a half termly basis so that, if children are unable to attend a club or they have other interests, there will only be a short period of time to wait until the next offer.

We are proud of the range of clubs available over the course of the year but appreciate it can be disappointing if there are only a set number of spaces available on some of the clubs. Please do contact the school office if you wish to discuss this further.



Polite Reminder

A little reminder that when children are collected at 3.20pm, they are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or tyres. We politely request that you do not allow children to do this as we cannot guarantee supervision from a member of staff or the safety of the children. Thank you for your support in this.

Sports Week (and a bit!) – Week Beginning 19th June 2023

Sports Week is an annual event to encourage participation and it is part of our commitment to delivering high-quality PE and sport across the school.

Monday 19th June

The week will begin with Nerf competition for our KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2). The children will take part in Nerf activities such as capture the flag, solos, duos, battle royals and other games as well! We will be asking for a £1 donation for this event.

(KS2 children will take part in their Nerf Competition on Monday 26th June)

Year 6 will be visiting St. Peter's within the school day on Monday 19th to take part in a Mini Olympics transition activity. Transport to and from St. Peter's has been organised and children will return before the end of the school day. They will need a packed lunch and water bottle on this day.

Our sports days will be fun but competitive, with plenty of stickers for winners but also to reward effort and spirit. Parents and families are encouraged to come along to show support and enjoy the occasion.

Tuesday 20th June - Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 @ 1:30pm

Wednesday 21st June - Sports Day for Nursery @ 2:00pm



Thursday 22nd June - Sports Day for Year 3 – Year 6 @ 1:30pm

Friday 23rd June – Children will be invited to compete in a KS1 Football Competition against other schools.

Bikeability - Tuesday 20th June onwards

Year 6 children will be taught how to check and ride their bike safely over these days. Please see separate letter for further details.

Tri-Golf

The children will also be working with Mr. Davies our PE teacher in this week taking part in an intra-school 'tri-golf' competition.

Please can the children come in their PE kits all week due to all the energetic activities they will be taking part in.

Haigh Hall Outdoor Adventure

Year 3, 4 and 5 will be visiting Haigh Hall on Tuesday 27th June. They will be taking part in problem solving / team building activities as well as bushcraft/orienteering, den building and fire lighting. (Please see separate letter for further details).

Important Dates (more information to follow)

Year 3 Pentecost Worship (parents and families invited) - Friday 26th May at 9:10am

Year 3 and 4 Joint Cake Sale – Friday 26th May (after school on the playground)

Finish for Half Term—Friday 26th May

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Children return to school – Monday 5th June

Colour Day—Friday 9th June

First Holy Communion Mass (1st Group) – Saturday 10th June 10:00am

Equality & Diversity Workshops with 'Happy Smiles CIC' Year 3-6—Monday 12th June

New Starters Evening for Reception 2023-2024 – Thursday 15th June 6:00pm

PJ Day! (bring a bottle) – Friday 16th June 2023

Reception Father's Day Celebration (Families invited) – Friday 16th June 2:30pm

'Bedtime Stories' Story time—Nursery to Year 6 with parents/carers – Friday 16th June 2:30pm

First Holy Communion Mass (2nd Group) – Saturday 17th June 10:00am

Sports Week! – w.c. Monday 19th June

Year 6 Mini Olympics at St. Peter's (in school time) – Monday 19th June

Year 6 Bikeability—Tuesday 20th June onwards

Sports Days – Reception/Year1/Year 2 – Tuesday 20th June at 1:30pm

Sports Days – Year 3 to Year 6 – Thursday 22nd June at 1:30pm

Sports Day – Nursery – Afternoon of Wednesday 21st June

Year 3, 4 and 5 Outdoor Adventure trip to Haigh Hall – Tuesday 27th June

Own Clothes Day (bring chocolate / sweets) – Thursday 29th June

INSET Day (school closed to all pupils) - Friday 30th June

First Holy Communion Children and families 'Going Forward in Faith Mass' – Tuesday 4th July 9:15am at St. Bernadette's Church.

'Bernie's Fest' FOSB Summer Fair – Friday 7th July (straight after school)

Collection of Pre-loved uniforms – w.c. Monday 10th July

Pre-Loved Uniform Sales— Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July (after school)

'Moving Up Days' – Monday 17th July and Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Leaver's Mass – Tuesday 18th July 6:00pm St. Bernadette's Church

Year 6 End of Year Production – Wednesday 19th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Drop in Parent's Evening – Wednesday 19th July (after school)

Nursery Graduation Celebration—Thursday 20th July 2:00pm

Finish for Summer – Friday 21st July 2:00pm



Extra-Curricular Activities St Bernadette's Primary School



Summer Term 2 2023

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Sewing	Mrs Crowder	Y5 & Y6	12.06.23-10.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Monday 3.20pm	Computing	Mr Doyle	Y3 & Y4	12.06.23-10.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Multisports (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	YR, Y1 & Y2	13.06.23-11.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 3.20pm	Craft Club	Miss Chivers	YR	14.06.23-12.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday lunchtime	Games & Fun	Parent Helper	YR, Y1 & Y2	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Multisports (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	15.06.23-13.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Drawing	Miss Quellan	YR, Y1 & Y2	15.06.23-13.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Card Club	Mrs Speakman	Y3 & Y4	15.06.23-13.07.23	4.20pm main entrance
Friday lunchtime	Archery	Archery Education	YR, Y1 & Y2	16.06.23-14.07.23	No collection needed
Friday lunchtime	Games & Fun	Parent Helper	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Every week	No collection needed
Friday lunchtime	Gardening	Mrs Coyle	Y5 & Y6	16.06.23-14.07.23	No collection needed

Please note there will be a small charge for some clubs as they are delivered by an external provider. Places are limited so will be on a first come, first served basis, please note you will only be able to book for the duration of the sessions (you won't be able to book single sessions)

Bookings need to be made via our Parent Pay please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.